

PURCHASING

DOING BUSINESS WITH CULPEPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Culpeper County Government's intention is to conduct the procurement function in a professional manner and to deal with each prospective vendor, bidder, or salesperson with honesty, fairness and integrity. We recognize that the governmental procurement process may seem complex, and we invite your questions regarding any aspect of the activities of this office. For up to date Invitation for Bid (IFB) and Request for Proposal (RFP) information, you may call our Bidders information line at (540) 727-3488, option 1 or by visiting the Culpeper County Website at: <http://web.culpepercounty.gov/CountyGovernment/Purchasing.aspx>

Who Buys For Culpeper County

All purchases in excess of \$1,501.00 (\$750.00 for Fixed Assets) are processed by the Purchasing Office located at 101 S. West Street, Suite 300, Culpeper, Virginia 22701.

Who to Contact and Where We Are

Always make your first call to the Purchasing Office. If a consultation with using departments or others is requested, we will direct you to the appropriate individuals. We will always try to make your contact with the County mutually productive. Any inquiries or questions regarding these procedures may be directed to:

**Procurement Department
101 S. West Street, Suite 300
Culpeper, Virginia 22701**

(540) 727-3488 phone
(540) 727-3486 fax

Business Hours

Business is conducted Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Buyers will interview vendors by appointment only.

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Purchasing Website

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Bidders Information Line (540) 727-3488 option #1

Here you will find the latest information concerning current solicitations for Request of Proposals, Invitations to Bid, and current awards.

Bidders List

In order to be placed on our bidders list, you must fill out the standard Bidders List Application, obtainable from the Purchasing Office or on the County's website on the Purchasing webpage, indicating the types of products or service you provide.

How The County Buys

Routine Purchase (under \$500) - County Departments are authorized to contact vendors directly by telephone or in writing.

Informal Bids (from \$501 - \$15,000) - Informal telephone quotations shall be obtained from at least three bidders.

Informal Bids (from \$15,001 - \$50,000) – Informal written quotations shall be obtained from at least four (4) bidders.

Formal Bids Non-professional Services (over \$50,000) – Formal competition shall only be awarded by the Procurement Department Sealed bid invitations, which may require a certified bid deposit check or bid bond, an affidavit, a performance bond, and insurance certificate. A bid package or sealed bid invitation is mailed to suppliers selected from our bidders list. An announcement of the bid is posted on the public notice board. In addition, these requests are advertised in at least one issue of a newspaper having general circulation throughout the County.

Formal Request for Proposal (RFP) Professional Services (over \$30,000) Formal competition shall only be awarded by the Procurement Department (Proposals over \$50,000 must be awarded by the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors). Formal competition shall only be awarded by the Procurement Department Sealed Proposals, which may require a certified bid deposit check or bid bond, an affidavit, a performance bond, and insurance certificate. A bid package or sealed bid invitation are mailed to suppliers selected from our bidders list. An announcement of the bid is posted on the public notice board. In

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**Professional services, as defined by the Code of Virginia, include: accounting, actuarial services, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, law, dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, professional engineering and the services of an economist procured by the State Corporation Commission.*

Price Information And Award Details

Our business is “public business” and all information relating to procurement is available upon request. Sealed Bid - Results can be obtained or be mailed to all bidders if requested. All bidders are invited to attend formal bid openings held by the Purchasing Office.

Bidders Check List

1. Be sure your bid is submitted to the correct office before closing time or it will be returned unopened.
2. Read the bid documents thoroughly and comply with all the instructions and conditions. Improperly completed bids are invalid and will not be accepted.
3. Your bid may require a certified bid deposit check or bid bond. A money order or cashier's check may be substituted for the certified check or bond.

The Rules and Regulation follow:

- Culpeper County Purchasing Resolution
- Code of Virginia, Volume 1, Title 2.2
- Chapter 43 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act